REMARKS

Claims 1-52 were previously canceled and Claims 53-125 are pending in the Application. The Examiner has made a restriction requirement, restricting the Claims into two groups, with Group I comprising Claims 53-100 and Group II comprising Claims 101-125.

To further business interests, Applicants have elected the Claims in Group II, *i.e.*, Claims 101-125, without traverse. Claims 53-100 are canceled herein without prejudice in view of the present restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in one or more Divisional Applications.

Claims 116-125 as amended are drawn to kits and as such are drawn to the Group II invention. Claim 118 is further amended to correct typographical errors. The amendments to the claims made herein are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹ or related cases.

If a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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